State in this year for development of National Highways.

Projects from A. P. under central road fund scheme

362. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of projects sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up under Central Road Fund Scheme;

(b) what are the details of projects sanctioned; and

(c) by when the remaining projects are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The details of projects sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up in 1989-90 and 8th Five Year Plan under Central Road Fund Scheme are as under:—

S.No.	Type of scheme	No. of schemes.	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Development of State Highways & Major District Roads carrying Heavy Traffic.	268	215.23
2	Engineering Aspects of Road Safety covering improvement of Traffic junctions etc.	62	8.32
3	Research & Development & Development of Data Base.	4	3.92
4	Development of other District & Village Roads.	42	35.65
5	Preventive Maintenance by way of strengthening Heavy Density corridors.	24	23.00
6	Training of Highways Engineers.	1	3.15
	Total:	401	289.27

(b) The details of proects sanction ed under Central Road Fund out of the 401 schemes sent by the Govern ment of Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of scheme	Estimated cost	Amount approved under CRF
1	Upgrading the road between Tupilipalem & Pattapupalem & Pattapupalem of Pedagoviedapalli in Nellore District and construction of H. L. Bridges on Swaranmukhi river and Challakalva.	200.00	200.00
2	Construction of bridges ocross Perantala Kunuma (Kolleru lake) in Km. 4/2 of Anapadu-Kolletikota road.	100.00	100.00
3	Formation of a road from Venkatagiri in Nellore district to Kodur in Cuddapah district.	280.90	280.90
4	Road to Udaiyagiri Hill Station at Udaiyagiri in Nellore District.	200.50	200.50
5	Development of road between Mahadevpur-Muknoor-Kankanpur & Katram in Karimnagar District.	840.00	200.00

(c) It is too early to indicate the time for approval of the remaining schemes since decision about augmentation of the Central Road Fund is yet to be taken.

Road accidents in the country

363. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic safety havoc occurs due to the serious vision problems and heavy drinking problems of a large number of commercial drivers;

(b) if so, what are the details of steps being taken by Government to rectify this dangerous problem;

(c) what is the total number of road accidents in India in 1992 and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the details of concrete steps that are being taken by Government to minimise road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Some road accidents occur due to vision and drinking problems of the commercial drivers.

(b) Necessary provision already exists in the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules for checking the vision of drivers at the time of obtaining driving licences or renewal thereof and providing for deterrent punishment for driving under the influence of alcohol. Instructions have been issued by the Central Govt. to the State Govments to strictly follow and implement the provisions in the Motor Vehicle Act and Rules.

(c) About 3 lakhs road accidents have occurred in India 1992. The reasons for the accidents are:—human error, bad roads, bad weather, mechanical faults etc.

(d) Steps taken/being taken by Govt. to minimise accidents are indicated as follows:—

1. The M.V. Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respect of issuance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.

2. Formal training in a driving school is made a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles.

3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.

4. Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for all vehicles except light motor vehicles.

5 Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.

6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles vix. direction indicators with blinkers system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carring dangerous or hazardous goods.

7. A National Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffc rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective head-lights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/educations in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.